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EX PARTE – Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of the Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338, 196-98, 98-147

In the Matter of Performance Measures and Standards for Unbundled Network Elements and Interconnection et al., CC Docket No. 01-318.

This letter is intended to comply with the FCC's rules on ex parte communications. It is filed electronically in the above-captioned dockets.

On June 5, 2002, informal discussion of the above-mentioned dockets took place with Chairman Michael Powell and Dorothy Attwood by conference call.

With regard to the Triennial Review, the subject of the reply deadline extension due to the DC District Court's remand was discussed. Commissioners Tom Welch (ME), Bob Nelson (MI), Dave Svanda (MI), and Lila Jaber (FL) discussed their preliminary views on what level of granularity may be required from the states to meet the DC Circuit's market standard. NARUC will consider the issue in its reply comments.

In the Performance Standards NPRM Commissioners Tom Welch (ME) and Joan Smith (OR) thanked the FCC for its workshops for state staff in Chicago and Dallas. Dorothy Attwood asked about effectiveness of the process. We felt it was very helpful and noted the states differ greatly on the federal role and on the extent to which the states themselves have developed useful measures.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith
Commissioner, OPUC
Chair, NARUC Telecommunications Committee